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SUBJ: NATOMIN: RESTRUCTURING OF NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING FORMAT

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: USNATO 2723 (NOTAL)

1. SPC CHAIRMAN KASTL DISTRIBUTED DRAFT AGENDA CONTAINED REFTEL AT MAY 17 SPC, AND WENT OVER SCHEDULE OF PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL.

2. HE SAID NAC WILL MEET WITH EXPERTS ON CSCE JUNE 7; THIS MEETING WILL RESULT IN PO LISTED UNDER CSCE ON DRAFT AGENDA.

3. AD HOC GROUP IN VIENNA IS WORKING ON SHORT PROGRESS REPORT ON MBFR. IF NAC DISCUSSION OF THIS REPORT IS ON JUNE 5, THEN IS WILL NEED AHG INPUT MAY 30. IF NAC DISCUSSION IS ON JUNE 10, THEN IS WILL NEED AHG INPUT JUNE 5.

4. KASTL SAID ATLANTIC RELATIONS ITEM ON AGENDA WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT MAY 24 NAC DISCUSSION. SPC COULD THEN WORK ON IT FOR NAC CONSIDERATION JUNE 5 OR 10.

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5. MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP WILL REEXAMINE REPORT ON MEDITERRANEAN MAY 28, FOR NAC CONSIDERATION JUNE 5 OR 10.

6. IS IN LIGHT OF EARLY JUNE NAC MEETINGS WILL PRODUCE DRAFT

COMMUNIQUE LATE IN WEEK OF JUNE 10.

7. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT KASTL MENTIONED TWO POSSIBLE DATES BY WHICH AHG INPUT NEEDED FOR REPORT TO MINISTERIAL ON MBFR: MAY 30 OR JUNE 5. HE ASKED WHY NOT USE SCHEDULED MAY 31 AHG BRIEFING TO NAC TO GET BRIEFING ON OVERALL PROGRESS OF MBFR. CANADIAN REP POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT AHG REPS WOULD NORMALLY COME MAY 31 PREPARED FOR BRIEFING ON LAST THREE WEEKS ONLY. IF NAC WANTS GENERAL PROGRESS REPORT, AHG WILL NEED TO KNOW. KASTL THOUGHT NAC COULD PROFIT BY PRESENCE OF AHG REPS TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT GENERAL PROGRESS OF MBFR, WITHOUT HAVING TOO FORMAL AN EXCHANGE ON THE SUBJECT. CONSENSUS WAS TO ASK FOR AHG INPUT ON PROGRESS OF MBFR BY MAY 30, WITH POSSIBILITY OF SOME DISCUSSION IN NAC MAY 31.

8. NETHERLANDS REP, ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS, HOPED NAC ON MAY 24 WOULD GIVE SPC CRASH MANDATE TO FINISH TEXT SOON, E.G., BY DAILY MEETINGS WEEK OF MAY 27.

9. US REP SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM BY ITEM, RATHER THAN MAKE A GENERAL STATEMENT AS IN THE PAST. THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH SYG'S PO IN MARCH. US REP EXPRESSED HOPE OTHER FONMINS WILL FOLLOOW SAME PROCEDURE. IF SO, MAYBE A GENERAL CATCH-ALL AGENDA ITEM NEEDED: E.,&., "OTHER POLITICAL SUBJECT" AS POINT IC OF DRAFT AGENDA. KASTL CONSIDERED THIS A GOOD IDEA.

10. SPC WILL MEET AGAIN MONDAY, MAY 30 ON MINISTERIAL AGENDA. MCAULIFFE

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